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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: USLO OFFICER'S POSTER OBSERVATIONS MAY 18-21 IN SHENYANG AND TALIEIN INDICATE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE IN PURGING ADHERENTS TO THE GANG OF FOUR FROM THE PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL PARTY COMMITTEES IN LIAONING PROVINCE. THE BROOM IS NOW BEING WIELDED VIGOROUSLY WITHIN PARTY COMMITTEES AT THE INDUSTRY OFFICE AND FACTORY LEVELS. EXECUTION NOTICES BEAR WITNESS THAT THE CURRENT LAW-AND-ORDER CAMPAIGN EXTENDS TO SHENYANG. ONE POSTER NOTED A CENTRAL DECISION TO CONVENE THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO OFFICER'S POSTER OBSERVATIONS IN SHENYANG AND TALIEIN MAY 18-21 INDICATE PURGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE OF DISSIDENT ELEMENTS, ALLEGED ADHERENTS OF THE GANG OF FOUR, IN PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP BODIES. AMONG THE OLDER POSTERS IN BOTH CITIES WERE THOSE WHICH HAILED THE DISPATCH BY THE PARTY CENTER OF LEADERS FROM OUTSIDE LIAONING TO WORK ON PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS. OTHER WORN POSTERS IN TALIEIN CELEBRATE THE REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR INVESTIGATION OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS LI PO-CHIU (2621/0130/4428), WEI PING-K'UEI (4486/4426/1145), AND LIU SHENG-T'IEIN (0491/8518/3944). ONE TATTERED PRINTED SHEET EXPLAINED MAO YUAN-HSIN'S
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CONNECTION WITH THE GANG OF FOUR IN CARTOON FORM. ONE POSTER, IN A TALIEIN FACTORY, HAILED "THE WISE DECISION OF THE PARTY CENTER IN REGARD TO THE CONVENING OF THE ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS."

3. FOREIGN STUDENTS IN SHENYANG SAY THAT WAVES OF POSTER ACTIVITY HAVE INUNDATED THE CITY PERIODICALLY IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS,

ATTACKING THOSE NOTED ABOVE AS WELL AS LOCAL OFFICIALS, UNIVERSITY LEADERS, FACTORYMANAGEMENT, ETC., AND THAT A WIDESPREAD CLEAN-UP HAD TAKEN PLACE IN EARLY MAY. A NUMBER OF NEW POSTERS HAD APPEARED BY MAY 18, HOWEVER. THESE INCLUDED ATTACKS ON CITY OFFICIAL LI CH'EN (2621/3089); WANG LI-CH'UN (3769/4539/2504), WHO WAS DESCRIBED IN ONE POSTER AS MAO YUAN-HSIN'S BLACK HAND IN ARMY SECURITY; AND OFFICIALS FROM THE OIL INDUSTRY OFFICE, ELECTRIC POWER OFFICE AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL OFFICES.

4. AMONG THE POSTERS IN SHENYANG WAS A TYPE INCREASINGLY COMMON IN CHINA SINCE MARCH, A PRINTED BULLETIN ANNOUNCING DECISIONS OF THE LIAONING HIGH-LEVEL COURT LISTED EIGHT EXECUTIONS, SIX FOR CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND TWO FOR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CRIMES. ONE PERSON WAS CONDEMNED FOR ORGANIZING A GROUP, THE "CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY SOCIETY," TO CARRY OUT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY SCHEMES AND FOR LISTENING REGULARLY TO ENEMY RADIO STATIONS. THE OTHER WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING WRITTEN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY TRACTS AND NOVELS AND OF SLANDERING THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP. FOREIGN STUDENTS SAY THAT THIS IS THIRD SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE POSTED IN SHENYANG IN RECENT MONTHS. CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, PARTICULARLY RAPE, ARE CITED MOST OFTEN IN THESE BULLETINS, AND THE ACCUSED ARE TYPICALLY IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES.

5. TALIEEN QUITE OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED OF POSTERS; THE ENTIRE CITY WAS LIBERALLY PLASTERED. CITY OFFICIALS CITED AS BEING DISMISSED FROM OFFICE INCLUDED SHIH CHUAN-YU (4258/0278/5148) AND SUN CHANG-TA (1327/7022/1834). OTHERS UNDER HEAVY ATTACK WERE HSUAN SHIH-MING (1357/0013/2494), HSU FENG (6079 7364), SUN PAO-T'AI (1327/1405/3141), AND PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICERS

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CHI HSU-KAN (4764/4872/1626) AND HUANG CHI-KU'EN (4679/0679/0981). CHI HAD HIS OWN POSTERS UP, IN REBUTTAL, DENYING HIS GUILT AND POINTING OUT THAT THE "SO-CALLED INVESTIGATION" OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM HAD BEEN CONDUCTED UNDER THE GANG OF FOUR HENCHMAN HSUAN SHIH-MING. CHARGES AGAINST LIU TUNG-SHENG (0491/2717/3932), LU TA DAILY EDITOR, WERE ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOS OF FRONT PAGES FROM LAST YEAR'S EDITIONS INTENDED TO PROVE INADEQUATE COVERAGE OF CHOU'S FUNERAL. THE DISMISSAL OF AT LEAST FIVE FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL OFFICE OFFICIALS WAS CHEERED BY VARIOUS POSTERS, AND A DOZEN OTHERS WERE UNDER ATTACK. SEVERAL POSTERS CALLED FOR THE RETURN OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISMISSED UNDER THE GANG OF FOUR.

6. U.S. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS MAY BE MORE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PURGE IN TALIEEN THAN IS USUALLY THE CASE IN LOCAL FACTIONAL INFIGHTING. LAST FALL, USLO OFFICERS INQUIRED AT THE LIGHT INDUSTRY IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION ON BEHALF OF U.S. BUSINESSMAN NORMAN GOLDSTEIN, WHO WANTED TO KNOW WHY SHIPMENTS TO HIM OF CHINESE PLATE GLASS HAD ABRUPTLY CEASED THAT SPRING (PEKING 1965 - 1976). LIGHT INDUSTRY REP SAID THE SUPPLIER, THE TALIEEN GLASS

FACTORY, WAS NO LONGER WILLING TO PRODUCE HIGH-SPECIFICATION GLASS
FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S.
MARKET. ONE OF THE FIVE TALIAN INDUSTRY MANAGERS ALREADY
MISSED IS FROM THAT FACTORY. THE PRC MAY YET SUPPLY U.S.
WITH EXPORT-SPECIFICATION GLASS.
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